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Applicant: Michael D. Hamerski et al.

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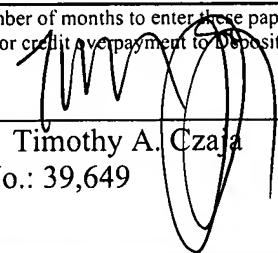
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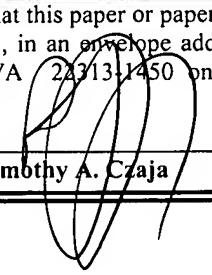
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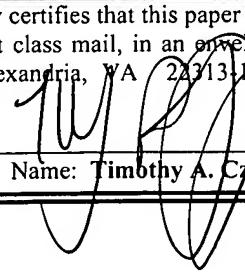
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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